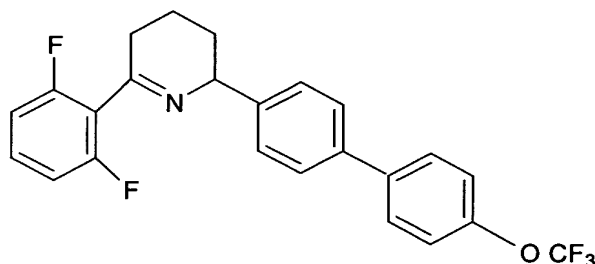


REMARKS

Claims 1-9, 11-12 and 14-18 are pending in the application.

The Office Action has divided the pending claims into Groups I through XII. Applicants hereby elect Group I, that is to say, Claims 1-5 and 9 for prosecution in this application.

The Office Action also has requested an election of species. Applicants hereby elect the following species for prosecution in this case.

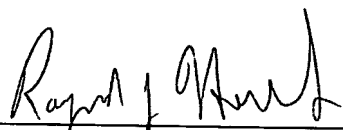


Applicants appreciate that in the face of this restriction requirement the Examiner is confirming that the various species of the present invention are not obvious over one another and that, therefore each species will be patentable over one another, however, Applicants strongly desire to avoid filing a separate patent application for each compound encompassed by the claims in this case.

Therefore, upon finding the elected species patentable, Applicants request the reasonable number of species in this single application to which Applicants are entitled under the rules. More particularly, Applicants assume the Examiner will bear in mind that under 37 C.F.R. Section 1.141 and MPEP Section 809.02, that an application may contain claims directed to a reasonable number of species. Applicants trust that the Examiner will follow the restriction practice guidelines set forth in the Manual of Examination Procedure (MPEP) Section 809.02(c)(B)(1) and will allow generic claims to remain in the case when the patentability of the elected species has been established.

Applicants believe the case is in condition for allowance. Review and consideration of these claims and allowance of the same are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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